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SUBJECT: CIVAIR: PAN AMERICAN/AEROFLOT PROBLEMS

REF: MOSCOW 12887

1. HARD ON HEELS OF CONCILIATORY LINE TAKEN BY AEROFLOT COMMERCIAL MANAGER MORDOVIN TO MOSCOW PAN AM DIRECTOR DRAHORAD (REPORTED IN REFTTEL), EMBASSY AUGUST 23 RECEIVED MFA NOTE IN RESPONSE TO OUR APRIL 18 AND JULY 16 REPRESENTATIONS. INFORMAL TRANSLATION OF NOTE FOLLOWS: "THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS OF THE UNION OF SOVIET SOCIALIST REPUBLICS, REFERRING TO THE NOTE OF THE EMBASSY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA NO. 538 APRIL 18, 1974, AND NO. 1035 OF JULY 16, 1974, STATES THAT THE QUESTIONS RAISED IN THE REFERENCED NOTES ARE BEING CAREFULLY STUDIED AT THE PRESENT TIME BY AEROFLOT, WHICH JOINTLY WITH THE PAN AMERICAN REPRESENTATIVE IN MOSCOW IS TAKING MEASURES TO CORRECT THEM. THE MEETING WHICH HAS TAKEN PLACE BETWEEN EMPLOYEES OF THE AEROSFLOT COMMERCIAL SERVICE AND REPRESENTATIVES OF PAN AMERICAN HAS SHOWN A REAL POSSIBILITY FOR SOLVING AT THE LEVEL OF AEROFLOT AND PAN AMERICAN THE PROBLEMS WHICH HAVE ARISEN. AEROFLOT FURTHER INTENDS TO CARRY OUT A SERIES OF MUTUAL CONSULTATIONS WITH PAN AMERICAN IN MOSCOW AND NEW YORK WITH THE INTENTION OF CARRYING OUT JOINT MEASURES OFR LIQUIDATING EXISTING

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PROBLEMS CONNECTED WITH THE FULFILLMENT OF MUTUAL OBLIGA-

TIONS IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE AGREEMENT ON AIR TRANSPORT
BETWEEN THE USSR AND THE USA."

2. COMMENT: EXCEPTIONALLY MILD TONE OF SOVIET NOTE WOULD
APPEAR TO INDICATE THAT SOVIETS HAVE TAKEN SERIOUSLY THREAT
OF RETALIATION PRESENTED IN JULY 16 PROTEST NOTE AND ARE
NOW READY TO REACH WORKABLE SOLUTION WITH PAN AM. STATE-
MENT THAT RESOLUTION OF PROBLEMS IS POSSIBLE AT AEROFLOT-
PAN AM LEVEL IS PRESUMABLY FURTHER INDICATION OF SOVIET
DESIRE TO KEEP MATTER AS LOW-KEY AS POSSIBLE.

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